

Pending Virginia Place Name Proposal before the Domestic Names Committee, USBGN

## **Shipps Bay Inlet**

### **Proposal Information**

<b>Proposed name</b>	<b>Shipps Bay Inlet</b>
Proposal type	New name for unnamed feature
Current official name	n/a
GNIS ID	n/a
Proponent	City of Virginia Beach City Council
Date proposed	6/7/2022
Submitter	Virginia Board on Geographic Names
Date submitted	6/8/2022
BGN case number	5810
Quarterly Review List	448

### **Feature Details**

Primary coordinates	36.70437, -75.9317
Secondary coordinates	n/a
Feature class	bay
Feature size	0.2 mi. long, 0.2. mi. wide
Feature description	T-shaped inlet on eastern edge of Shipps Bay in City of Virginia Beach
Name history	Named in association with Shipps Bay
USGS primary topo map	North Bay
State(s)	Virginia
County(s)	City of Virginia Beach
Local jurisdiction(s)	n/a
PLSS	n/a
Land ownership	Private

### **Decisions/Usage**

BGN decisions	None
Unpublished names	None
Published names	None

### **Case Summary**

This proposal was submitted by the Virginia Board on Geographic Names on behalf of the City of Virginia Beach City Council to apply the new name Shipps Bay Inlet to a small, T-shaped body of water on the eastern shore of Shipps Bay. It was submitted in response to a previous proposal, to name the body of water Kona Inlet (Review List 446). That name was



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proposed by a local resident whose property is adjacent to the inlet, but the City would prefer a name with historical significance. They noted that the name Shipps Bay has been in local use for at least 70 years.

The Virginia Beach Genealogical Society also does not support the proposal for Kona Inlet, noting “This is not a naturally occurring inlet. It’s a dredged cove which would likely silt in without being dredged. We are an East Coast community. Kona is not relevant to our locale. Other names related to our history, lore, or native wildlife would be more appropriate.” (The VBGS did not offer an alternative name.)

### Stakeholder input

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Local government	City of Virginia Beach	support
State Names Authority	Virginia	
Federal Agency	NOAA	
Federally recognized Tribes		
Other	Virginia Beach Genealogical Society	

Source: Quarterly Review List 448 Released August 5, 2022 (<https://www.usgs.gov/us-board-on-geographic-names/dnc-review-lists>)